



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department will be proposing changes and additions to the following chapters: 388-310 WAC "WorkFirst"; 388-400 WAC "Program summary"; 388-412 WAC "Benefits issuances"; 388-450 WAC "Income"; 388-460 WAC "Payees on benefit issuances"; and any other related WACs necessary to comply with Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5921, signed by the Governor on June 15, 2011, as it relates to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/WorkFirst program.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.04.050; 74.04.055; 74.08.090; 74.08.025, 74.08.580; Chapters 74.08A and 74.12 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is proposing the above rules changes in accordance with the following ESSB 5921 provisions:

- Temporarily suspend WorkFirst participation requirements for families with a child under age of 2, or two or more children under 6 (section 2).
- Establish income eligibility criteria for TANF benefits for a child, other than a foster child, who lives with caregiver other than his or her parents (section 4).
- Implement TANF permanent disqualification for adults who are terminated due to WorkFirst non-compliance sanctions three or more times since March 1, 2007 (section 7(4)).
- Allow TANF recipients' "work activities" to include voluntary service at a child care or preschool facility licensed under chapter 43.215 RCW, or elementary school in which his or her child is enrolled (section 8(6)).
- Include parent education services or programs that support development of appropriate parenting skills, life skills, and employment-related competencies (section 8(16)).
- Assign protective payees to persons violating EBT card use restrictions so EBT cards will be used for benefit program purpose (section 14).

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

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